

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Hiroyuki Nakata et al.
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Title : WELDING SYSTEM AND CONSUMABLE ELECTRODE
WELDING METHOD
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Examiner : Hung D. Nguyen
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Docket No. : NGB-40647

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AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated March 5, 2009 (Paper No. 20090217). The three-month period for responding to the Office action expires on June 5, 2009.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.